

as soon, therefore, as Disraeli saw his 'crucifixion' in *The Times* of May 5 he wrote the following letter : —

*To Mr. Morgan O'Connell, M.P.*

31A, PAKE ST., GEOSVENOB.  
SQUARE, *Tuesday*  
*May 5.*

SIR,

As you have established yourself as the champion of your father, I have the honour to request your notice to a very scurrilous attack which your father has made upon my conduct and character.

Had Mr. O'Connell, according to the practice observed among gentlemen, appealed to me respecting the accuracy of the reported expressions before he indulged in offensive comments upon them, he would, if he can be influenced by a sense of justice, have felt that such comments were unnecessary. He has not thought fit to do so, and he leaves me no alternative but to request that you, his son, will resume your vicarious duties of yielding satisfaction for the insults which your father has too long lavished with impunity upon his political opponents.

I have the honour to be, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

B. DISRAELI.

Morgan O'Connell very reasonably replied that he was not answerable for what his father might say, and that he had only challenged Lord Alvanley because he conceived the latter had purposely insulted his father. Thereupon Disraeli sent the following letter to the newspapers.

*To Mr. Daniel O'Gannett, M.P. for Dublin.*

LONDON,  
*May 5.*

MR. O'CONNELL,

Although you have long placed yourself out of the pale of civilisation, still I am one who will not be insulted, even by a Yahoo, without chastising it. When I read this morning in the same journals your virulent attack upon myself, and that your son was at the same moment paying the penalty

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